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Charity gift will bring festive cheer

Mystery benefactor's cash to help families

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A MYSTERY benefactor has saved Christmas for struggling Haverhill families.

An anonymous donation of £2,000 was made to REACH Community Projects, a charity that tackles poverty in the town, earlier this month.

At least half of the cash is set to be given to local families who otherwise would not be able to afford Christmas festivities.

Henry Wilson, projects director at the charity, said staff did not initially realise the donation was quite so large.

He said they realised when a report about their donations came through: "It said: '£2,000 has been donated into your ac-



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count.' We thought: 'What?' "We are really thrilled. This is just amazing."

The money will enable the charity to give a boost to struggling families for Christmas.

Mr Wilson said: "We are literally just compiling a list of people who we know could really do with say £100. That will really make a huge difference to Christmas as a family."

"A lady came in last week saying: 'We'll just have beans on toast for Christmas'. Her family have a benefit cap, she's on her own."

"She said: 'I've told the

kids we won't do anything for Christmas this year'.

"I said: 'Don't worry, we'll sort the food out'. It's that kind of family that we come across that the government calls 'just about managing'. [The money] will make a huge difference."

The cash handouts will come on top of around 100 Christmas hampers that REACH is giving out.

Mr Wilson is also hoping to give out bags of clementines to families for Christmas, and is asking residents to donate the citrus fruits.

"They're full of vitamin C and it's a traditional family pastime – you used to have oranges and nuts in stockings."

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Homeless given free festive cuts

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A HAVERHILL barber has given up his time to provide free haircuts to homeless people.

Lee Mainland, 30, has been working in barbers' shops since he was 15.

He currently divides his time between the Mr Barber's in Haverhill's Queen Street and the branch of the chain in Cambridge's Hills Road.

He says he was inspired by a customer to head to Cambridge homeless shelter Wintercomfort on Wednesday, December 7, to give out haircuts.

"There's a priest who comes into the shop and does a lot of volunteering work at the shelter and I just sort of suggested - 'why don't I come?'," said Lee, who lives in Haverhill's Parkside.

"I've watched quite a few films and documentaries about homeless people and it made me realise I want to do something for them."

He carried out 20 haircuts in a four-hour session at the shelter in the city's Victoria Avenue.

He was supported by Mr Barbers manager Sam Prior, who supplied a pop-up shop for the event, and the shop's apprentice Jayden Bayford, who swept up hair through-



APPRECIATED: Haverhill barber Lee Mainland cutting hair at Wintercomfort's homeless shelter in Cambridge

out the day.

It was the first time Lee had ever done any volunteer work.

He said: "It was good - I was quite surprised at how grateful the people were. I just thought they wouldn't care but they really appreciated it."

"It's just trying to give something back to people

who can't afford a haircut."

The day was such a success that he is now planning to repeat it in the summer, in an outdoor area next to the river Cam.

He said he was hoping to make even more of an event of the day next time round, with plans to get a barbecue going alongside the barber's chair.

EDUCATION

Primary schools form new trust

A HAVERHILL primary school has formed a new academy trust.

St Felix Roman Catholic Primary School in the town's School Lane has joined with Newmarket's St Louis Catholic Academy.

The trust they have created, known as the Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, has been operating since November 1.

A spokesperson for the school said it "marks the commencement of both

schools working closely together to continue to strive for excellence in education".

On Friday, December 9, Year Five and Six students from both schools gathered in Walsingham to celebrate the creation of the trust.

They took part in a special mass celebrated by the Catholic Bishop of East Anglia Alan Hopes.

The school spokesperson said: "During the mass, Bishop Alan made reference to the patron saints of each school and explained how

the schools now have a saint that unites them: Our Lady of Walsingham."

Celebrations took place at St Felix for pupils from Reception to Year Four on the same day.

They took part in a celebratory collective worship and ate cakes which they had made themselves.

Becoming an academy means that St Felix now gets its funding directly from the government rather than going through a local authority.

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ACCIDENT

Motorist arrested after 60-year-old man dies in crash

A 46-YEAR-OLD man from Haverhill has been arrested after a fatal car crash in Cambridgeshire.

Police were called to the collision, on the A142 at Mepal, around 6am on Tuesday morning.

It involved a blue Nissan Patrol,

a silver Renault Trafic van, a silver Vauxhall Corsa, a white Vauxhall Corsa van and an arctic lorry.

The driver of the Vauxhall Corsa van, 60-year-old Keith Howlett, of Mill Lane, Wisbech, died at the scene.

The drivers of the Renault Trafic and arctic lorry both suffered serious, but not life threatening injuries, while the driver of the Vauxhall Corsa suffered minor injuries.

The driver of the Nissan Patrol, a 46-year-old man from Haverhill

who suffered minor injuries, was arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving. He has been released from custody while police investigate further.

If you have information call Cambridgeshire Police on 101.

COMMUNITY

Charity goes to Downing Street event

From front page

To get the fruit to the charity on time, just drop it off at the REACH resource centre in Harewood Terrace between 2pm and 5pm today or tomorrow.

It has been a successful year for REACH, which has defied national trends of increasing food bank usage by helping clients tackle their root problems.

Mr Wilson was even invited to a charity reception hosted by Culture Secretary Karen Bradley at 10 Downing Street last Wednesday, December 14. He was one of around 100 representatives

"It was really, really lovely to see [Number 10]," he said. "I just felt so honoured and so pleased."

He thanked the REACH team and all those who have supported the charity over the festive period.

Your Haverhill News will not be publishing next week. We will be back on Thursday, January 5. For local news over the Christmas period, visit cambridge-news.co.uk/all-about/haverhill

COMMUNITY



HAPPY FAMILY: Above, Harry with brother Jack. Right, Natasha and Michael with baby Faye



'Life-changing' year for family

THE family of a disabled boy are celebrating their first Christmas with a "life-changing" new bedroom and wetroom.

The £25,000 needed to build the facilities for 9-year-old Jack Power was raised after sister paper, the *Cambridge News*, launched a fundraising campaign for the family.

Jack has a rare genetic condition called tuberous sclerosis which has caused growths in his brain. It means he has drug-resistant epilepsy, suffering up to 25 seizures a day, and is autistic and does not speak.

As Christmas approached last year, his parents Natasha and Michael were having to carry him upstairs to his padded bed every day.

At the same time, they were busy worrying about how to afford the facilities their son needed so much.

Natasha said: "We had just launched the Go Fund Me [online campaign]. We had exhausted every financial avenue we could go down, all of which we got turned down for.

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"We were very stressed. Christmas wasn't really Christmas last year. There was always the fact we have to provide what we needed to provide, and we couldn't do it."

But after the *News* got on board, it took five months for the family to smash its fundraising target and raise £26,000.

Work started on the bedroom and wetroom in May, and it was completed by October.

Natasha said that if someone had told her the new facilities would be built by this Christmas, she would not have believed them.

"It's completely different – it's happy," she said. "There's no stress apart from trying to get everything done before the big day. It's normal stress."

"We have enjoyed the kids' Christmas plays at school, we have spent time with the kids decorating the house."

"We physically feel lighter

because we're not lifting him half as much."

While the Powers are spending Christmas Day with Michael's parents, they are having Natasha's relatives over on Boxing Day – a first for the family. In previous years they had to leave celebrations early to get Jack home to his special bed.

"We will have all my family here and Jack will be catered for," said Natasha.

The couple also had their third child, Faye, in May this year, around the same time as work started on Jack's room.

Natasha said she was looking forward to a more peaceful 2017.

She said: "I'd like a quiet year that we can enjoy as a family without anything big or any major projects."

She wished *News* readers a happy Christmas and thanked them for all their support in 2016, saying: "It has been life-changing."



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CRIME

Four cars are broken into on one road

FOUR vehicles were broken into on the same day on a road just outside Haverhill.

Three of the thefts happened in the early hours of Saturday morning, between 1am and 9am while the vehicles were parked outside the British Legion building in Haverhill Road, Kedington.

Thieves forced the side door of a white Iveco Daily van and took a case containing lighting.

They also forced the passenger door of a red Land Rover Defender and took a shopping bag containing a bottle of gin and soft drinks.

The third vehicle targeted at this time was a blue Land Rover Defender. It had the lock forced on the driver's side and a box of change worth around £10 was taken.

Between 12.15pm and 12.26pm on Saturday, further along Haverhill Road in Little Wratting, thieves smashed the front near-side window on a Ford Cougar.

They stole a handbag containing £220 in cash, a pearl bracelet worth £200 and bank cards.

The victim later found the bag nearby, with the contents missing.

If you have any information call the Haverhill Safer Neighbourhood Team on 101.

ENTERTAINMENT

Winner of 'Britain's Got Talent' to appear in town



MAGICAL: Lance Corporal Richard Jones

THE winner of this year's series of *Britain's Got Talent* is set to appear in Haverhill next Spring.

Richard Jones wowed the nation and the judges with his magic tricks this summer, beating 11 other finalists in the talent competition.

The 26-year-old magician, who has served in the Parachute Regiment and the Household Cavalry, is set to appear at Haverhill Arts Centre on Friday, May 5.

Nick Keeble, arts and leisure manager at the arts centre, said: "It's cool – it's an opportunity we took. They were looking for areas close to military towns and we have got a few around. It's selling really well already."

He said more than half of the tickets to see Lance Corporal Jones, who appeared at the Royal Variety Show earlier this month, had already been sold.

"Get a bit of magic into your 2017 – don't miss a trick," said Mr Keeble.

The show is part of a new season programme at the arts centre that mixes comedy, music and theatre.

Music fans can see tributes to

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Kate Bush, Elvis and Little Mix, as well as local talent, the Haverhill Silver Band.

Theatre includes live broadcasts from London featuring such stars as Ian McKellen and Gemma Arterton, as well as productions from Haverhill's own Centre Stage Theatre Company, including January pantomime *Cinderella*.

Mr Keeble said a highlight for him was found in the comedy listings: "I always enjoy Barry Cryer coming here. He's a top comic, he spans the ages."

"We have tried to give a broad base of interests across the next programme."

To read the full 2017 January to May listings and book your tickets, visit haverhillartscentre.co.uk or call the box office on (01440) 714 140.



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COUNCIL

Used needles left 18 hours

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A BLUNDER left used needles lying on a children's school route for more than 18 hours last week.

St Edmundsbury Borough Council said it "apologised wholeheartedly" after a message to teams to clear up the drug paraphernalia failed to get through.

Householder Maxine Keating said she was alerted to the problem around 3.15pm on Wednesday, December 14.

A Castle Manor Academy student knocked on Maxine's door in Allington Walk, Haverhill, to tell her about the needles lying on a nearby footpath.

"The little girl, bless her, she was so scared because they learn about it in school," said Maxine. "She dragged me down the side, and I'm thinking perhaps there's a couple - then I saw what there was down there."

Maxine estimated there were between 20 and 30 needles lying on the footpath, where she says children frequently walk to school.

"It's absolutely disgusting - it [was] pitch black down there so if you've got people walking through they could get stabbed by one without even knowing," she said.

Maxine called the police.



DISCARDED: This drug paraphernalia was found by a young girl

She said: "They told me they couldn't touch it but if I want to pick them up that's fine."

Suffolk police said its operators received the call at 3.30pm, and immediately put in a call to St Edmundsbury's environmental health team.

A spokesperson said the police attempted to call Maxine back several times but her line was engaged so they had to leave a voice-mail.

Maxine also called St Edmundsbury, but says she was told no cleaners were available and the needles would have to be cleaned up in the morning.

The council does have on-call cleaners to deal with dangerous rubbish, but this person was not called.

When cleaners turned up in the morning, despite their shift starting at 6am, the needles were not cleared until 10am. This was because they were not initially able to find the needles.

A council spokesperson said: "We do have people on call to deal with issues such as clearing dangerous litter, so we apologise wholeheartedly that the process didn't work this time around. The needles have now been removed and we will try to ensure that such delays don't happen again."



FESTIVE: Students and staff at Coupsals Primary Academy with the cards

Pupils craft handmade cards for elderly

HAVERHILL primary school pupils have created handmade Christmas cards to be sent to elderly people.

The plan was hatched by Martha Hughes, deputy headteacher at Coupsals Primary Academy in Chalkstone Way, with the help of the student community

council.

Students across the year groups took part, with older children making a card each and younger classes making one together.

The cards have been given to the Voluntary Network, which will distribute them via its befriending scheme.

Amanda Larcombe, of the Voluntary Network, said: "It is great that these young pupils are thinking so deeply about the elderly. Christmas is meant to be all about giving rather than receiving and the pupils at Coupsals Primary Academy have shown a perfect example of that."

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

As Christmas and New Year approaches we all start to rush around and try to get everything done for the big day.

We try and sort out the presents as to who gets what and then who we have Christmas Day with and try not to get too stressed over it all. However, for me this year it's also made me think a little more. I have been very privileged to be the Mayor of Haverhill and I have a few thoughts that we all should acknowledge.

For most of us our lives are fine and we are happy with our lot, but for some of us it's just not like that.

For those in our communities that are struggling, whether financially or dealing with illness and disabilities, it's so much harder.

A lot of us will donate at this time of year and think we have done our bit, but it would be great if we could all stretch the Christmas spirit into the new year and beyond and all of us just try a bit more to help those that need it.

On behalf of myself and my wife, Sue, and Haverhill Town Council, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Clr David Roach
Mayor of Haverhill



This Christmas more than one in 10 people in Suffolk will go to church – and in the last few years the number has been increasing.

For many people going to church at Christmas is a way of touching base. It's a way of making contact once again with what life is really about.

There is a deep reassurance as we face the infant Jesus, reassurance that God is among us. In the end, whatever is going on in the world, or in our lives, goodness and love will prevail.

The world feels different than it did a year ago. The dramatic political events of the year in this country and in the US, the refugee crisis, the wars in Syria, Iraq and the Yemen, and terror of ISIS have all contributed to this.

Life is different for many in our county too. A recent report shows that here in Suffolk deprivation levels have been increasing. Nearly half the neighbourhoods in the county are more deprived than they were five years ago.

Celebrating the birth of Jesus, we are given renewed confidence in the power of goodness and love, and spurred on to show and share that goodness and love year round.

Many of the churches that people will be attending to celebrate the birth of Jesus are also places that provide assistance and care to those facing challenges in their lives.

People work together to make a difference in the lives of those who are hungry, not least through food banks, and



HELPING OUT: Bishop Martin serves the homeless at a church, opened as a winter night shelter, in Ipswich.

in Felixstowe's St Edmunds' church through a pop up shop offering carrier bags of food for just £1 to those struggling, with the money donated given away to good causes.

Rural churches run regular social events to build community and relieve isolation, or house equipment in their towers to assist with broadband connection.

In Ipswich town centre

churches of all denominations provide winter shelter for the homeless, with beds, food, warmth and help finding a new home off the bitter streets.

However the world changes, these are ways we can all help bring peace on earth, and goodwill to all.

**The Rt Rev Martin Seeley
Bishop of the Diocese of
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In Haverhill, and indeed throughout West Suffolk, we achieve the most (and will always do best for this lovely part of the country) when we work together... local government, local businesses, voluntary organisations, schools, police, NHS and so many other people and entities. St Edmundsbury is proud, and works hard, to serve our

residents and businesses. There is always much more to do but we have achieved a lot together. In addition to many major initiatives Haverhill's borough councillors alone have this year already supported 20 different local groups and ONE Haverhill, chaired by John Mayhew from the Chamber of Commerce, has awarded £28,000 to 10 applicants.

During challenging times nationally, and troubled ones internationally, it is so good to see so many good things happening here and, as a New Year beckons, I wish you all (on behalf of all councillors and staff at St Edmundsbury) a very happy Christmas and a healthy, prosperous and peaceful 2017.

Clr John Griffiths
leader of the council

Christmas is a time of rest and reflection, when I enjoy spending some uninterrupted time with the family, and when all of us can look back on the year past and forward to the year ahead.

2016 has been a year of very significant changes. As we look forward to 2017 I think we can do so with confidence. While there are big challenges, no doubt, like making a success of Brexit and steering our country in times of turbulence, there

are reasons to be optimistic. We live in relatively peaceful times in a vibrant country with a growing economy, increasing numbers of jobs, strengthening schools and exciting new technologies being invented on our doorstep. The task is to ensure everyone can benefit from these strengths, and to ensure Britain is outward looking, open, and optimistic as we are when we are at our best.

I'm looking forward to a short

break over the Christmas holidays from the relentless pace of life in the House of Commons. I will use this time to be at home in West Suffolk, to see family and friends, and get a proper rest.

Wishing you and your families a very merry Christmas and a very happy 2017.

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HO HO HO: Santa and his elves in the grotto

Santa boosts charity funds

SANTA Claus has met 628 children and raised more than £3,000 for good causes at his grotto near Haverhill.

With the help of Haverhill's Lions Club, Father Christmas was at Sturmer Nurseries in Church Walk, Sturmer, every weekend in December.

It was the second year Santa had made an appearance at the garden centre.

Haverhill Lions president David Goodwin said: "Thank you to all the boys and girls who came to see Santa. You have all got Official Nice List certificates, so Santa should be bringing lots of presents to you at Christmas."

"The children also received a bag of Christmas Eve essentials, so don't forget to leave out the reindeer food and magic key for Santa!"

As well as the £3,000 raised at the grotto, the Lions were out and about with Santa

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and his sleigh at Haverhill Tesco in Cangle Road.

There they raised £440.75 with a bucket collection.

The Lions give out grants to local good causes.

This year the group has already given money to Haverwell Community Well-being Project which fundraised for an ultrasound scanner, REACH Community Projects and Haverhill Salvation Army.

Other beneficiaries include St Nicholas Hospice Care, Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care and Diabetes UK.

"The money raised at the grotto will make a real difference locally," Mr Goodwin added.

Robert Mason, who runs Sturmer Nurseries said:

"The Lions did a fantastic job with the grotto, creating a really magical experience for the children. It was great to see so many smiling faces."

On Facebook, a Lions spokesman posted that the group was aware of large queues at times at the grotto and was working to solve the problem for next year.

He continued: "We know we are nearly there but we are looking to improve without taking that special time away from Santa and the children."

Feedback about the grotto has been positive online.

One grandmother posted: "So worth the wait, I've taken my grandchildren both years and we have all loved it very much. Thank you to Santa, also the funny elves and everyone who gave up their spare time, to make it so special for all the children."

CRIME

Jewellery taken as homes raided

TWO homes in the Haverhill area have been burgled.

Between 5pm last Wednesday, December 14, and 5pm the following day, burglars entered a house in The Street, Stradishall, by forcing a rear door.

They took three pieces

of Swarovski jewellery: a ladies' watch with a leather strap and a rose gold face; a limited edition ladies' watch with a grey crystal strap and a bracelet with crystals all around it. They also took a handbag containing a Mercedes car key.

Last Tuesday, December 13, thieves also broke into a house in Dash End Lane, Kedington, between 2pm and 4.30pm. They forced a rear wooden frame window and police believe items were taken.

Call police on 101.



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Deaths

BLACKMAN Daisy

Formerly of Haverhill

Died peacefully at her daughter's home in Kessingland on Wednesday 7th December 2016.

Much loved wife of the late Albie, dearly loved mum of Steve & Joy, Lorraine & Eric, Raymond and Lyn and Mark & Tracey and a dearest nan and great-nan.

Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Haverhill on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 12noon, followed by interment in the Cemetery.

Flowers may be sent c/o H. J. Paintin Ltd, 60 Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 9HE.

KILLINGBACK Brian

passed away peacefully on Monday 12th December 2016, aged 82 years.

Dearly loved husband of Janet, much loved dad of Elaine & Mark and Graham & Caroline, devoted grandad of Michael, Christopher, Emma, Jade and Jenna and dearly loved by his seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Haverhill on Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 12noon, followed by cremation at West Suffolk Crematorium.

Flowers or donations for Dementia UK may be sent c/o H. J. Paintin Ltd, 60 Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 9HE.

FARRANT Ida Doris

of Symonds House, Linton and formerly of Haverhill.

Passed away peacefully at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Tuesday 13th December, aged 91 years.

Wife of the late Arthur, loving mum of Ray & Colleen, Ken and the late Barbara and adored nan and great-nan.

Funeral service to take place at West Suffolk Crematorium on Monday 9th January at 2.15pm.

Family flowers only please, but if wished donations made payable to "The Salvation Army" (to benefit the Haverhill region) may be sent c/o Peasgood & Skeates, 12-14 Queen Street, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 9EF.

MILLAR Sue

The family of the late Sue wish to thank all who sent kind messages of sympathy following their recent sad bereavement.

Thanks also to those who attended the funeral service and sent such kind donations for Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust in her memory.

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UTILITIES

Town hit by fourth power cut in weeks

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A FOURTH power cut in the space of six weeks has hit Haverhill householders.

A total of 188 houses in the Shetland Road and Falklands Road areas lost their power on Friday.

The blackout, which was caused by a fault in an underground cable, lasted almost an hour and a half.

Lights went out at 4.33pm and were restored by 5.55pm.

A spokesperson for UK Power Networks said: "We understand how difficult it is to be without power and we apologise for any inconvenience caused."

The latest blackout follows three serious power cuts which hit hundreds of properties in the town last month.

On Tuesday, November 8, 272 houses lost power at 11pm. Although energy was restored within two hours, 168 properties were hit by another power cut the following morning.

Samuel Ward Academy was forced to send students home and cancel a school play when it lost all power between 9.40am and 5.22pm on Wednesday, November 9.

On Thursday, November 25, 1,165 homes across the town were plunged into darkness at 10.15pm, and power was not back to normal until 10.30am the following morning.

UK Power Networks say that the causes of all of the power cuts hitting Haverhill are unrelated.

 For the latest news over the festive period visit cambridge-news.co.uk/all-about/haverhill

COUNCIL

New award for 'unsung heroes'

HAVERHILL residents who have given up their time and effort for the community could be recognised in a new awards scheme.

St Edmundsbury Borough Council has introduced a new Councillor Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Community.

Each councillor will be able to confer two awards between now and 2020. The recognition comes directly from a councillor as an individual, rather than the whole council, to a member of their ward.

The idea was the brainchild of Haverhill councillor Tony Brown together with Bury St Edmunds councillor Robert Everitt. They put forward the idea before a St Edmundsbury full council meeting on Tuesday.

Clr Brown said: "We all know people who work tirelessly in our communities for very little, if any, reward over a long period of time.

"I felt we needed a way to recognise these often unsung heroes who can make such an impact on other people's lives.

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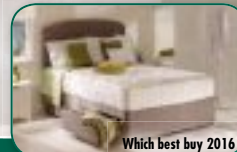
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HEALTH

New life-saver group starts

A NEW team of life-saving volunteers is up and running covering the villages around Haverhill.

The Kedington and Hundon Community First Responders went live on Monday.

The team of six volunteers, a subgroup of the Haverhill First Responders, have now completed all their training and have all their kit bags ready to go.

They will attend medical emergencies in Kedington, Hundon and other villages around Haverhill, providing potentially life-saving care in the crucial few minutes before an ambulance arrives.

The group was launched in the summer, when two of the six volunteers began their training, and now it is ready for action.

It has received funding and support from Kedington and Hundon Parish Councils and St Edmundsbury borough councillors Karen Richardson, Jason Crooks and Barry Robbins.

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David Halsey, co-ordinator of the Haverhill, Kedington and Hundon first responders, said the launch of the new group would allow the volunteers to provide better care and reach more patients.

He said: "We were out with the Round Table in Kedington collecting money, and people were really positive about the new group."

The Hundon and Kedington responders have not yet been called out to their first emergency, but Mr Halsey said the timing of the group being ready was perfect.

"We are now going into our busiest time of the year," he explained. "Both groups are going to get extremely busy. The Hundon group will back up the Haverhill group if we are busy."

"It's everything: chest pains, breathing difficulties. It's to do with the weather

change and the cold bugs and flu that's going around. It's the same for the ambulance."

This year has been the busiest for the Haverhill first responders since the group was set up. By the end of August they had already responded to almost as many calls as in the whole of 2015.

The group has expanded and now has 23 volunteers.

"We have got a lot of people coming forward," said Mr Halsey. "It's positive – it's all good for the area."

He said that anyone interested in becoming a first responder could visit the ambulance service website, eastamb.nhs.uk

Alternatively, you could visit the Haverhill, Kedington and Hundon first responders Facebook page at [facebook.com/haverhillcfr](https://www.facebook.com/haverhillcfr)



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'AMAZING': Castle Manor Academy students perform at the end-of-term event

Dahl inspires students' showcase

STUDENTS at a Haverhill school put on an event as fantastic as Mr Fox last Tuesday.

Around 70 Year Seven music, drama, catering and art students at Castle Manor Academy in Eastern Avenue put together a Roald Dahl-inspired end-of-term

showcase.

Liz Nyberg, team leader for creative arts at the Haverhill school, said: "Students spent the 12 weeks of term working towards the showcase."

"Each class were inspired by Roald Dahl books including dancing from Matilda, Willy Wonka-

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COMMUNITY

'Help us fund new £500k hut'

VOLUNTEERS are being asked to help solve a "desperate" funding shortfall by Haverhill's Scouts and Guides.

As reported in the News last month, the groups have submitted a planning application to replace their current buildings with new facilities – but it could cost as much as £500,000.

Now they are appealing for volunteers to help them with funding applications and fundraising.

They say that the Haverhill Scout group is one of the fastest-growing in the country and the 50-year-old facilities currently in place in Colne Valley Road will not last much longer.

A meeting is set to be held in January for those interested in volunteering to fundraise.

Brownie Guider Barbara Adshead said: "We have already raised £60,000 but the more time the leaders spend raising money the less time

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we spend with our members.

"Most of us work full time in addition to running the weekly groups and this leaves us little time to fundraise.

"We do everything we can, but the situation is now becoming desperate.

"People are always asking us why we don't go to The National Lottery and the reason is that we have repeatedly, but our project is not something they will support.

"We are looking for anyone with spare time who would be willing to help us with fundraising or funding applications and we invite you to join us for coffee on Saturday, January 14, from 10.30am to 12pm in Colne Valley Road if you can help."

St Edmundsbury Borough Council is set to make a decision on the planning application in February.

If it is approved, the new facilities would be in use by the end of 2018.

The site would be used by 300 children, and will play host to Scout and Guide groups every weekday evening. At weekends it would be a base for camping expeditions taking place in the grounds behind the building.

Barbara urged local groups looking for a good cause to support to choose the Scouts and Guides headquarters.

She continued: "Everyone who has been a member of Scouting and Guiding in the past this is your time to do us a good turn."

To find out more, contact Barbara on (01440) 710875.



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GETTING ACTIVE: School games organiser Chris Heath presents the Silver Games Mark award to Place Farm's sports captains Olivia White, Jayden Abbink and Kyle Batterbee



School rewarded for sports success

A HAVERHILL primary school has been recognised for getting its pupils active.

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Daniel Gudgeon, PE co-ordinator, said:

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CHARITY

Three sacrifice locks for charity

A TEENAGE girl has had 22 inches of her hair chopped off to raise hundreds of pounds for a cancer support centre.

Frayr Bridgeman, 15, from Balsham, had the dramatic haircut alongside her family and friends at Linton Village College on Tuesday.

So far she has raised more than £1,800 for Maggie's Wallace Centre in Cambridge, a charity which provides free practical, emotional and social support for people with cancer.

Frayr decided to raise funds for the organisation as a thanks for the support they gave her mother, Angela, after her own cancer diagnosis.

Angela also lost nine inches of hair in solidarity with her daughter and family friend Susannah Salter had 18 inches of her locks cut off.

Frayr said: "My mum is my inspiration for this. This incredible woman is a two times cancer survivor. Maggie's Wallace Centre really helped getting her through this tough

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time and I couldn't be more grateful.

"I want everyone to be offered the support she was given. I would like to raise sponsorship money for the centre so more people like my mum can receive support.

"I have also decided to donate my hair to the Little Princess Trust so a young child with cancer can be able to have long hair again."

Maggie's Wallace Centre opened its doors to the local community in October 2012 and aims to provide an uplifting environment.

Its programme includes emotional support with professional staff providing one-to-one and group sessions.

Angela said she feels very proud of her daughter's fundraising.

She said: "Frayr has had long hair ever since she was born. She's only ever had the ends

cut off.

"What she's done is amazing. She's always been known as the girl with very long hair.

"Frayr decided she wanted to do something to give something back. She wanted to give other people support."

Andrea Chupacova, at Maggie's, said: "We are so grateful to Frayr, Susannah and Angela, their family, friends and Linton Village College who supported them, for raising such an amazing amount.

"All money will go directly to our centre and will be used to provide the much-needed support to people with cancer in the local community.

"We support people from all over nearby counties, stretching as far as Balsham, Saffron Walden, St Neots, Ipswich, Ely and Huntingdon.

"Everyone at Maggie's sends their best wishes to Frayr and her family, and a massive thank you."

To donate go to www.just-giving.co.uk/fundraising/frayr-Bridgeman



HAIR TODAY: From left, Angela Bridgeman, Frayr Bridgeman and Susannah Salter

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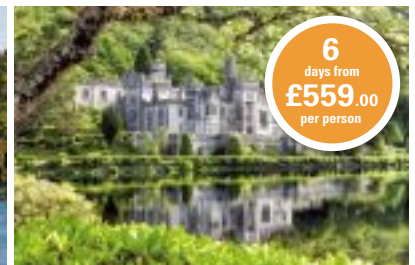


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FORCE IS STRONG WITH THIS ONE...

ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY (12A)

★★★★★

OPENING with the familiar, luminous blue legend – “A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...” – but not the scene-setting title crawl reserved for official episodes of the Star Wars saga, *Rogue One* is a rollicking, action-packed romp that dovetails neatly into George Lucas’s sprawling, otherworldly opus.

The visionary film-maker came close to self-extinguishing his elegant handiwork with the abomination of *Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace*.

Thankfully *Rogue One*, under the assured captaincy of director Gareth Edwards – which unfolds shortly before *Episode IV: A New Hope* – learns from mistakes of the past and isn’t a mindless slave to technological wizardry.

Certainly, there are dazzling visual effects and breathtaking battle sequences, including cute nods to previous films in the series that will have fan boys and girls whooping with unrestrained glee.

Scriptwriters Chris Weitz and Tony Gilroy preach to the converted with lovingly recycled lines of dialogue – “I’ve got a bad feeling about this...” – and even repurposed old footage.

However, a disappointingly linear plot occasionally clunks and grinds like an AT-AT combat walker with a rusty knee joint, and characters’ heartfelt diatribes about the corruptibility of morals in the white hot crucible of war only land glancing blows.

The Galactic Empire begins construction of a new superweapon under the command of research director Orson Krennic (Ben Mendelsohn).

If this behemoth, powered by the same Khyber crystals as lightsabers, becomes fully operational, the Imperial Military will crush all resistance.

From the Rebel Alliance headquarters on Yavin 4, Mon Mothma (Genevieve O’Reilly) and other council members hastily prepare a response.

They despatch Captain Cassian Andor (Diego Luna) and a reprogrammed enforcer droid, K-2SO (Alan Tudyk), to rescue Jyn Erso (Felicity Jones) from an Imperial labour camp on Wobani, knowing she can lead them to her estranged father, Galen (Mads Mikkelsen), one of the architects of the Death Star.

Together, Jyn and Cassian must steal the design schematics to the superweapon from a heavily fortified complex on Scarif, aided by blind assassin Chirrut Imwe (Donnie Yen), his gun-toting protector Baze Malbus (Jiang Wen) and Imperial pilot defector Bodhi Rook (Riz Ahmed).

Meanwhile, Orson prepares a test of his



Paint it black... Death Squad troopers



Plucky heroine... Felicity Jones as Jyn Erso



Stick it out... Donnie Yen as Chirrut Imwe



Making plans... Felicity Jones as Jyn Erso with Diego Luna's Captain Cassian Andor

“planet killer” to impress the Emperor and Darth Vader (voiced by James Earl Jones).

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story is a bombastic and frequently bruising film that lays bare the harsh realities of conflict for the emotionally scarred warriors on the ground.

Jones is a plucky heroine, issuing the film’s central battle cry built on the unswerving belief that “rebellions are built on hope”, and Luna is a solid foil.

Tudyk provides the droll comic relief as the robotic sidekick, who is hard-wired to say whatever “comes into his circuits”.

Director Edwards conjures some magnificent action sequences that look spectacular in 3D, and Michael Giacchino’s score nods affectionately to the stirring themes of John Williams from many moons ago.

Unlike Lucas’ prequels, this is a step back in time that signals a bright future.

ALSO SHOWING

THE BIRTH OF A NATION (15)

★★★★★

HISTORICAL drama about an 1831 slave rebellion in Virginia, where slave owner Samuel Turner (Armie Hammer) believes he is more tolerant and understanding than many of his neighbours.

His God-fearing mother Elizabeth (Penelope Ann Miller) raised Samuel with a slave boy called Nat (Nate Parker, who also directs) as his playmate, and taught Nat to read using the word of the Bible.

Nat devours every word and grows up with a belief that he must preach to his people.

He falls in love with another slave, Cherry (Aja Naomi King), but when she is brutally assaulted by a gang of white slave owners, led by snarling Raymond Cobb (Jackie Earle Haley), Nat questions the order of his unforgiving world. This, and other injustices, light a fire within him, and he leads a rebellion that puts him on a collision course with Cobb and the pro-slavery establishment.



Nate Parker as Nat

OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY (15)

★★★★★

HARD-NOSED CEO-in-waiting Carol Vanstone (Jennifer Aniston) is unimpressed with the Chicago branch of IT company Zenotek run by her party-loving brother, Clay (TJ Miller).

Determined to prove her steely resolve to the board, Carol initiates cost-cutting redundancies and reneges on the promise of end-of-year bonuses. “All branch Christmas parties are cancelled,” she adds with a glare.

Clay and chief technical officer Josh (Jason Bateman) plead with Carol to show compassion and she agrees to cancel the lay-offs if they close a \$14m deal with Walter Davis (Courtney B Vance) and his company, Data City.

Clay believes they should invite Walter to the most extravagant Christmas party in the company’s history, which he will stage behind Carol’s back, but as news spreads about free drinks at the Zenotek offices, everyone in the city descends on the party.



Jennifer Aniston as Carol

SNOWDEN (15)

★★★★★

THIS character study, from director Oliver Stone, opens with documentary film-maker Laura Poitras (Melissa Leo) and journalist Glenn Greenwald (Zachary Quinto) meeting whistleblower Edward Snowden (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) in Hong Kong where he recounts his life story in flashbacks.

Edward recalls his training with the US Army, which leads to a position at the CIA. His coding skills propel him on the fast track to writing programs that will protect sensitive National Security Agency (NSA) data.

Meanwhile, he begins dating Lindsay Mills (Shailene Woodley), who stands by Edward as he embarks on his momentous course – to go public as the CIA contractor who leaked sensitive material belonging to the NSA.



Joseph Gordon-Levitt as Snowden

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Brad Pitt and Marianne Cotillard in *Allied*

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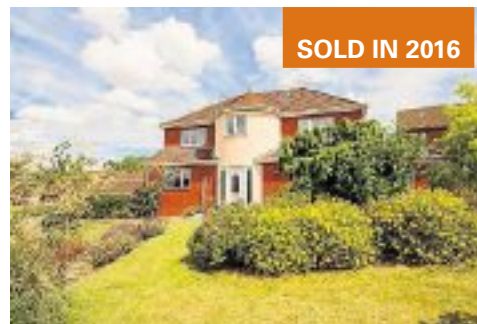
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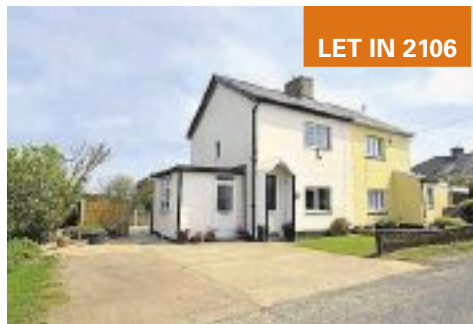


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Everyone's happier with black box technology...

SOME 74 per cent of parents say they worry less about their children if they drive a car which is fitted with a black box, according to new research conducted by Marmalade, the leading provider of cars and insurance for young drivers and specialists in black box insurance.

83 per cent of those parents surveyed said they believe using a black box encourages safer journeys and over half of parents questioned felt a greater peace of mind having a black box installed in their offspring's car. And this is with good reason – on a national basis one in five young drivers has an accident within the first six months of passing their test, whereas with Marmalade's customers it falls to just one in 16 young drivers – meaning they are more than three times safer.

The survey also stated that 88 per cent of parents believe black box policies offer cheaper insurance which is another reason why they selected a telematics policy.

John Catterson, whose daughter is a Marmalade black box customer, says: "Using black box insurance has helped develop Sarah's driving massively. The software has flagged a couple of locations where Sarah was having problems so we made a point, the next time we were driving to these locations, to discuss the issues and help her improve her driving response to specific challenges she faces there."

John continues: "One of the areas where her journeys have been flagged as amber is a spot where I'm aware that there was a fatal crash recently, so I was pleased that

the black box had prompted us to review Sarah's trips down this stretch of road. It all boiled down to driving experience and using the telematics as a training aid can work really well. This partnership that Marmalade encourages between parents and their kids is key and is something I don't think is employed by other companies.

"As a parent, the telematics gives me peace of mind in knowing that Sarah will always be aware of it and drive sensibly no matter what pressures may be put on her."

Crispin Moger, CEO of Marmalade, said: "Our latest research with customers' parents shows the importance of black box technology and how this can not only help improve a young driver's skills behind the wheel but it also offers peace of mind for parents. We would encourage

all parents to investigate using this technology as our safety records prove unwrapping a black box could mean your child is safer on the road."

Despite the clear benefits of having a black box policy, almost 73 per cent parents said they would not want the technology fitted to their own car, with 41 per cent of respondents saying they are happy with their current non-telematics insurance.

Marmalade's technology encourages young drivers to develop safe and responsible driving skills by highlighting areas for improvement. Another added benefit is that the black box can help identify the whereabouts of the car if it is stolen.

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BOX SET: John Catterson and his daughter, Sarah, at a Marmalade Track Day

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Car servicing video option is a first for Glyn Hopkin

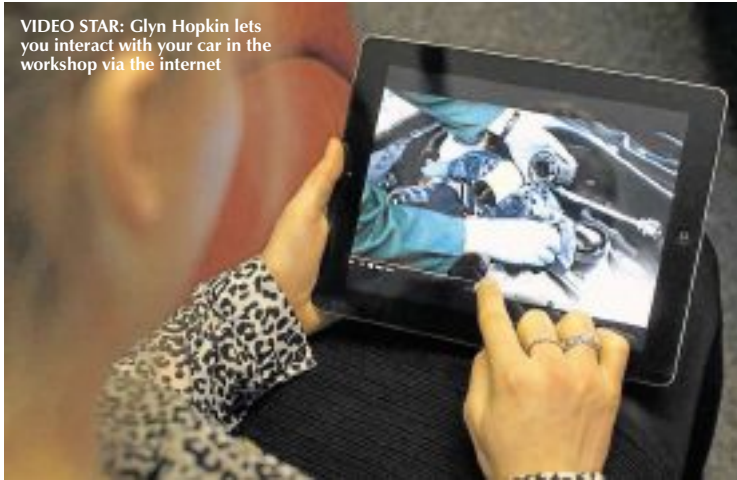
GLYN Hopkin, the Newmarket Road-based car dealership, is taking a step into the future with an innovative car servicing video facility, which gives customers greater transparency and control over the service, maintenance and repair work carried out on their vehicle.

Customers are given real-time video updates from the Glyn Hopkin service department, and are invited to interact with technicians to pose questions and then authorise relevant jobs.

The facility, which is available to all Glyn Hopkin customers at no additional cost, has been piloted at several Glyn Hopkin sites and has already helped to further increase customer satisfaction.

Customers view their personalised video by accessing the secure Glyn Hopkin online portal via smartphone, laptop or

VIDEO STAR: Glyn Hopkin lets you interact with your car in the workshop via the internet



tablet, allowing quick and convenient interaction with the service department while at work, at home or on the move. The service offers customers the chance to oversee work

on their vehicle without needing to wait at the service department – although customers can still speak face-to-face with a technician before repairs are made, if they prefer.

“Customers are already embracing the new technology,” comments Fraser Cohen, managing director at Glyn Hopkin. “At those sites where the service has been piloted,

customers are typically checking their personalised videos and authorising work within just 20 minutes. By providing a more effective means of communication between customers and our service departments, common queries can be answered quickly and work can be completed more efficiently than ever before. It is further building trust and giving the customer added reassurance that there are no unexpected charges.”

The announcement of Glyn Hopkin's online video car servicing facility is another example of the company's commitment to providing unrivalled customer satisfaction, aided by forward-thinking and intuitive technologies. Glyn Hopkin recently introduced Google 360° – a virtual online tour experience – across its network.

Book in at glynhopkin.com.



IN ACTION: Back in the 1950s

‘Continuation’ range of DB4 Aston Martins

ASTON Martin will build a special series of 25 ‘continuation’ DB4 GT lightweights at its Newport Pagnell Works department.

Built according to the original blueprints, the 25 vehicles will be powered by a 3.7-litre straight-six engine that sends its 340bhp output to the rear wheels via a four-speed manual gearbox.

The original GTs were launched in 1959 to offer a shorter, lighter and more aerodynamic version of the DB4, and just 75 were produced. A mere eight were built as lightweight racer variants.

Production will recommence in the third quarter of 2017, and the 25 extra vehicles will have in-sequence chassis numbers, carrying on from the final car ordered – 0202R.

According to Aston Martin, the continuation models get improved performance, handling, braking and safety without affecting the original's character.

Each will also be built using state-of-the-art digital scanning technology to ensure the finished product is as true to the original as possible.

Shocking new figures for drug-drive Britain

MORE than one in seven (16 per cent) young drivers admit to having driven after taking drugs, a survey has found.

Two-thirds (66 per cent) of those who had done so said they had got behind the wheel after smoking cannabis, with cocaine (24 per cent), ecstasy (16 per cent) and heroin (8 per cent) also being used.

Some 14 per cent of drivers aged 25 to 34 said they were likely to drive after taking drugs over the festive period.

More than 2,000 UK drivers were questioned for the poll, which was

commissioned by law firm Slater and Gordon.

Paul Reddy, a road traffic defence lawyer at the firm, said: “The festive season is a time for good cheer but all too often I see lives ruined because people have a few drinks or take drugs before getting behind the wheel.

“Despite constant education campaigns and stories in the media, motorists are still caught out.

“If you don't want to lose your licence, or worse still injure yourself or innocent people, don't take the risk.”

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PROWESS: The Nissan Patrol in the desert

1987 Paris-Dakar Rally star is restored

A 1987 Paris-Dakar rally car has been fully restored to its former glory, after being discovered as a heavily corroded wreck back in 2014. It was recently returned to the Saharan desert to celebrate its off-road prowess.

The Nissan Patrol Fanta Limon Paris-Dakar took victory in the diesel category when it raced in 1987, as well as becoming the first diesel car to finish in the rally's overall top 10.

Pedro Diaz, manager of the electrical and electronics engineering team at NTCE and the only member of the original 1987 team still at Nissan, said: “That was a proud moment. Our brains, hearts and souls have gone into this project and it has not been easy. But to see the car in the desert again was just fantastic.”

After the gruelling 8,000-mile race, car 211 entered a private car collection and remaining there for almost three decades.

Audi adds a fuel-efficient 2.0-litre TDI to the TT range



ICONIC: The new Audi TT TDI

AUDI has announced a fuel-efficient addition to the TT range – the TT TDI.

Powered by a 2.0-litre diesel engine, the TT TDI offers an involving drive without the drawbacks that come with a large petrol unit.

Producing 180bhp and available in either coupe or roadster layouts, the TT TDI also comes with the dependability offered by Audi's Quattro all-wheel-drive system.

The engine is sent to the road via a six-

speed S-tronic twin-clutch transmission.

Despite being able to reach 62mph in 6.7 seconds, the TT TDI returns a combined economy figure of 54.3mpg. The roadster's figure drops slightly to 52.3mpg. Emissions figures are 137g/km CO2 for the former, and 142g/km CO2 in the latter.

A dynamic handling system is included as standard, allowing drivers to select Comfort, Auto, Dynamic, Efficiency and Individual modes

to change the driving style of the TT. This affects elements of the all-wheel-drive system, as well as throttle response and steering assistance levels.

The new TT TDI sits alongside the other Quattro TT models, in the form of the TT 2.0 TFSI and the TTS models.

Although prices are yet to be announced, order books for the TT TDI open in early 2017, with first deliveries commencing in spring.

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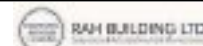
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Rovers succumb to defeat at Mildenhall

Football

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Rovers were dealt an early blow when keeper Charlie Turner was sent off for bringing down Chris Bacon in the penalty area.

But Sam Holmes did a fine job as a stand-in keeper and his first act was to save Dave Cooper's spot kick which had been awarded in the wake of Turner's foul.

Rovers came under considerable pressure, but they weathered the storm, and at the other end, Rory Jebb was inches away from connecting with Danny Hill's cross.

Most of the play in the second half took place in Rovers territory, with Rob Ruddy going close to giving Mildenhall the lead.

But Rovers' resistance was finally broken in the 82nd minute when Lee Clift crossed to Steve Spriggs, who headed home at the far post.

Mildenhall grabbed a second in the 90th minute, Spriggs firing home the rebound despite what appeared to be a foul on Ryan Geoghegan in the build up.

In the First Division, Ryan Swallow provided some seasonal cheer for **Haverhill Borough** as his two goals



FLYING RYAN: Ryan Swallow scored twice in Haverhill Borough's draw with Downham Town

helped the team rescue a point after they had fallen 3-0 down at home to Downham Town.

There were just 25 minutes of the match left, with Borough trailing 3-0, when Ryan Phillips scored the first goal for the hosts.

He then set up Swallow for the second goal, and then with two minutes left, the Borough player curled home a superb free kick from 30 yards.



HEADS UP: Tommy Hardwick wins a header in Haverhill Borough's match against Downham Town
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RUNNING LEGEND: Haverhill Running Club's Yusuf Firat (left) and Horrace Shuriah (right) with 105-year-old marathon runner Fauja Singh



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